

**REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J**

The Argument in Favor of Measure "J" says it is the right thing to do.

Helping the poor in our community IS the right thing to do. As a Christian I know it is my duty to help the poor and I do that.

But Measure "J" is not about whether or not we should help the poor. Measure "J" is about WHO should help the poor. Measure "J" promotes a system where the poor rely on government for assistance. In this system government must continually spend more money to meet the needs of an ever growing class of people who need assistance. The government continues to raise taxes, fees and rates in order to continue the flow of money to the poor. When the taxes, fees and rates increase those who give regularly to the poor have less money available to do so and so the needs of the poor grow more and thus government increases the taxes, fees and rates to meet the need. It is a vicious cycle with no end.

The right thing to do is for us to take care of our neighbor in need. Will that care come from you and your friends at the Salvation Army, the Loel Center, the Concilio, and your local church, or from a faceless government bureaucracy? Make a donation today and start making a difference. And vote NO on Measure "J".

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